

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

- 1-11. (Canceled)
12. (Currently Amended) A surgical device, comprising:
 - a shaft defining a distal region and a proximal end;
 - a handle associated with the proximal end of the shaft; and
 - an electrode, carried by the distal region of the shaft, defining a distal region and a pair of exterior openings outside the shaft in the distal region of the electrode connected by a through hole extending through the electrode, the through hole being closed but for the exterior openings in the distal region of the electrode.
13. (Canceled)
14. (Previously Presented) A surgical device as claimed in claim 12, wherein the distal region of the shaft defines a distal end and the electrode comprises a tip electrode.
15. (Previously Presented) A surgical device as claimed in claim 14, further comprising:
 - a plurality of spaced electrodes carried by the distal region of the shaft proximal to the tip electrode.

16. (Currently Amended) An electrode for use with a surgical device, comprising:

a main body portion defining a distal region and a longitudinal axis; and
a pair of exterior openings formed in the distal region of main body portion without any structural member therein and connected by a through hole extending through the main body portion, the through hole being closed but for the exterior openings in the distal region and at least a portion of the through hole being oriented at a non-parallel angle to the longitudinal axis of the main body portion.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) An electrode ~~as claimed in claim 16, wherein the main body portion defines~~ for use with a surgical device, comprising:

a main body portion defining a distal region and a longitudinal axis; and
a pair of exterior openings formed in the distal region of main body portion without any structural member therein and connected by a through hole extending through the main body portion, the through hole is hole being substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal axis and closed but for the exterior openings in the distal region.

19. (Currently Amended) An electrode ~~as claimed in claim 16, wherein the through hole is~~ for use with a surgical device, comprising:

a main body portion defining a distal region; and
a pair of exterior openings formed in the distal region of main body portion without any structural member therein and connected by a through hole extending through the main body portion, the through hole being closed but for the exterior openings in the distal region and substantially linear from one exterior opening to the other.

20. (Currently Amended) An electrode ~~as claimed in claim 16, wherein the through hole is~~ for use with a surgical device, comprising:

a main body portion defining a distal region; and

a pair of exterior openings formed in the distal region of main body portion without any structural member therein and connected by a through hole extending through the main body portion, the through hole being closed but for the exterior openings in the distal region and substantially v-shaped.